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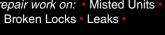
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Football Club Ask Council to Act on Dogs Fouling Pitches

ENDANGERING CHILDREN'S HEALTH

To the Town Council:

Aycliffe Youth Club are an Newton are an Football Standard Charter Club Community and safe, affordable provide football for approximately 275 girls and boys. We have over 40 qualified coaches giving up their time, free, to the benefit of the children. We also have many volunteers from the parents, grand parents and close family to help us have a successful football club.

We had our monthly managers' meeting on Sunday 1 October 2017, at which all managers expressed their disgust and despair at the amount of dog muck they remove from the Oakleaf pitches before every game.

In particular our Under 16 girls, on pitch 1, have had to remove 3-4 bags of muck in each of the last 2 weeks. Our under 11 girls on Pitch 4, junior pitch, have the parents spread out across the pitch before every match, inspecting and then removing at least one or two bags every week. The teams using the other pitches,' reported similar issues of dog fouling to clear before a game

As club secretary, I was at the Oakleaf at 10am on 1/10/17 and watched as a dog walker let both dogs out of the car, to run around pitch 3 (the running track) off the leash. Both dogs then proceeded to deposit at several places across the pitch. Thankfully I saw him pick up what he could but I would be surprised if he removed it all and what part of the deposit is still left on our pitches for young children to fall on.

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less responsible dog owners are treating the Oakleaf Sports Pitches as a public open space, to which they bring their dogs for a run out and deposit on the pitches and urinate on every goal post. The situation seems to be getting worse this season and we are only 4 weeks in. As a Community Football Club, with close to 1,000 members, of which many are dog owners, we can all understand and accept that

people will bring their dogs to the Oakleaf but we feel strongly that dogs should only be allowed to walk the Oakleaf, if they are on a leash.

At least then owners can ensure that their dogs deposit away from the pitches and then be respond up immediately. then be responsible and pick

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Yours faithfully,

Berni Borsberry, Secretary

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Fair Causes Mayhem

I have to write to complain about the Funfair on Bewick car park and in the town centre. I have lived in Newton Aycliffe all my life and have never seen anything like it.

There are cars parked all over the grass verges and the noise is unbearable, it must be terrible for the residents who live around

I just think there are more suitable places that could have been used, ie. The Oakleaf, the land around there would have been ideal, and I hope this is not an annual event. Gillian Rodda



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Volunteers & Donors Complete New Shed for PCP

four months of After planning, designing, redesigning, asking for support and working with some amazing local people, volunteers and businesses the PCP Super Shed is now ready and open for use by local people at the Pioneering Care Centre.

The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) Chief Executive, Carol Gaskarth, welcomed to the garden those who were involved in making it happen to an opening celebration on Monday.

Designers and main builders, the Greenfield Cree Men placed a plaque on the shed thanking Palram and BTS Fabrications, Cemex without whose help the Shed would not look so spectacular... in fact it would have no foundations and be roofless! The Community Gardeners and Volunteers were really excited to see this colourful shed ready in time for the long cold winter as it will enable them to continue growing and learning even during poor weather.

Melanie . Chairperson, the PCP Melanie Fordham, formally shed congratulating the hard work and dedication of the

The Remembrance Day

Parade will assemble in

the Barnard Armoury

Yard at approximately

10.40am and proceed via. Greenwell Road, Macmillan Road and

Stephenson Way to St.

The Parade will halt

outside St Clare's Church

for a short Service when

the Last Post and Reveille

will be sounded, followed

by the Silence at 11.00am.

Clare's Church.

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Day Parade





CREE men and volunteers, thanking the funders for their support (GAMP, livin and NCS) saying that this huge shed is a true community effort which would not have been achieved without local businesses coming to our rescue – a true team effort. The new custom build fully

Would Veterans attending

this event please note that

seats have been reserved

for you at the front of the

At the conclusion of the

Service the Parade will

reassemble outside of

the Church and proceed

down Stephenson Way

for the Salute and March

Past. The Parade will be

dismissed in the Barnard

Armoury Yard.

Church.

accessible shed will make an enormous difference for the would-be gardeners. If you would like a tour of the garden or to find out about the gardening courses and how to get involved please contact Fiona Mawson on 01325 321234 or email contact fiona.mawson@pcp.uk.net

Remembrance **Sunday, 12th November**

Remembrance Day Service will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Village Avcliffe on Sunday, 12th November 2017 commencing

During the Service the congregation will proceed to the war memorial in the church grounds for the

Aycliffe Village Remembrance **Day Service**

3.00pm.

laying of wreaths.

Wreaths will be laid 4 East Green, Heighington - Tel: 01325 313152 followed by a Service in St. Clare's Church. THE TURBINIA Saturday Night Live The Very Best of Rock - NO Cover Charge (unless stated) Saturday 4th November - "Mug Shot" One of the Turbinia's favourite bands Bio: MUGSHOT - a four piece band from the South Shields area playing modern and classic rock covers by bands such as Bon Jovi, Chilli Peppers, Kings of Leon, Metallica, Muse, U2, Van Halen and Whitesnake, to name but a few. Review: "We hadn't seen this band before so we didn't know what to expect and boy did they rock The Hearts! Something for everyone in the set that had the dancers on their feet, the one's I remember were, U2, Whitesnake, Killers, Kings of Leon, Tom Petty, Nirvana, Guns 'n' Roses, The Cult, Radiohead . . . all played and sung brilliantly. If you haven't already seen this band, go and see them, you won't be disappointed" Saturday 11th November - "Riff Raff" For more information on bands go to

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Remembrance Day Silence

SATURDAY, 11th NOVEMBER

Please note a cordial invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend a Service of Two Minutes Silence which will be held on Saturday, 11th November 2017 at 11.00am in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre.

Anyone wishing to attend this Service should assemble outside Boyes / Wilkinson's in the Town Centre (Beveridge Way) at 10.45am on the 11th November.

A short service will be led by Revd. Elizabeth Bland.







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Fairground Inconvenience

It was great to see children enjoying themselves at the Fair in the town centre.

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However it was not so great to have to walk a great distance to the doctor's surgery in Bewick Crescent, as I have mobility problems.

Whose stupid idea was it to allow the parking for the surgery and the church to be taken by a fairground?

Apart from the inconvenience to residents wanting to use either service, the noise to both the surgery users and nearby residents must be unbearable. Surely somewhere else could have been found.

I would also like to know how the town centre is suitable for a fairground which must cause some damage to the surface, and yet is not suitable for a market which would attract visitors to the town?

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Honest John - 10 Years of Outstanding Community Service

Stall is 10 years old this week and in total he has raised staggering £160,657.00 for town organisations and

John has not taken a single penny for himself with the only expense of £160 per year going to Public Liability Insurance.

Even though he is allowed to take subsistance money travelling expenses he has never incurred that cost, walking to work and spending hours a day helping this community.

Every donation made from the sale of unwanted household goods and brica-brac has been recorded and published regularly in



Honest John with Valerie

Newton News. To prove his title as "Honest John" he has often made contact with donors who have left very

valuable items to advise them they may have inadvertently left goods worth hundreds.

John's good friend and fellow trustee, Val volunteers her help most afternoons also helping with secretarial duties, allowing John to concentrate on fundraising. "Val has been a Godsend for over four years and I can't thank her enough" said John. Not having transport has not hampered John in any way as the good folk of Aycliffe and district have always been ready to deliver their unwanted goods to John's stall within the DISC premises next to the Blue Bridge.

DISC very kindly accommodate John free of charge and have been an enormous help. A charity themselves DISC do fantastic work in this area, helping young disadvantaged people obtain work through their training schemes.

"I have to thank Syd Howarth and his son Paul of Newton Press for their assistance in helping me find premises, setting up my website and publicising my work in the community at no charge.

"Finally may I thank the thousands of people who have made donations and bought goods enabling me to help others." said John.

care home celebrated its 1st Birthday last week. Situated in the heart of

HC-One's St Clare's Court

Newton Aycliffe, County Durham, St Clare's Court care home is a purpose built 58 bedded property offering Residential and Residential Dementia care.

St Clare's Court opened its doors for the first time in 2016. Since then it has established itself as a beacon for the community hosting Open Days, Summer Fairs and regular visits from school and community groups.

To mark the occasion St. Clare's Court care home staff hosted a party for its Residents and their families. which was attended by a number of professionals, as well as the Mayor of Newton Aycliffe Cllr Wendy Hillary, Cllr Jim Atkinson and Cllr Sarah Iveson.

St Clare's Court care home is also celebrating receiving a 9.9 average score on leading care home review site carehome.co.uk. The high rating puts the home into the very best company in the care home sector, committed to providing kind care to Residents.

Jason Parkinson, St Clare's Court Care Home Manager said: "We're delighted to have been joined by so many friends, family and prominent figures from the community to enjoy our 1st birthday celebrations.

"We live for our Residents

and I'm incredibly proud of the efforts our staff have gone to in making this day so special for them.

St Clare's Court

Celebrates 1st Birthday

Stephen Butterworth, HC-One Managing Director, said: "What an incredible year for St Clare's Court! The home has firmly established itself as a tremendous asset to the community, synonymous with delivering the highest standards of care to its Residents. Here's to a very bright future for the Residents and staff at St Clare's Court."

DANGEROUS LOCATION

Dear Editor,

I was travelling near Bewick Crescent Car Park when I had to brake sharp due to a number of young children racing across the road to get to the Fairground.

Who on earth thought of putting the Fair on that car park so close to the roundabout - one of the busiest spots in the town centre.

Not only was it dangerous but it caused a lot of inconvenience to disabled and elderly people visiting the surgery.

It was wrong to put the Fair in that location when there are so many open spaces in Newton Aycliffe.

C. M. Atkinson

Newton News Used in Eco Pageant Contest



Layla Belle Newtonian Thompson successful international Junior Pageant entrant made this dress from Newton News copies for a contest where there was an "Eco" round.

Her mother said "Newton News has supported Layla so much so we chose to feature our community newspaper showing the article on Layla".

Visitors to the Newton News offices at Newton Press next to the Blue Bridge Centre will be able to view the dress in our reception.

METHODIST MEMORIAL SERVICE

Newton Aycliffe Methodist Church at Neville Parade will hold a special Memorial Service on Sunday 12th November at 3pm to remember loved ones.

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success of the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan, and the love of Aycliffe people for their 'green areas', proves that we value our environment ... but how do we measure how valuable it is? Whilst I have been developing my arguments to try to save the Woodham Bridge site from housing, I have come across a rating system called 'least-cost path analysis' which allows us to do just that.

THE IDEA

The basic idea is this: how easily and safely can an animal travel through this environment?
Of course, roads are the worst

place for fauna, followed by open spaces of any kind, and large expanses of water. Cut grass is no good either – we've all seen groups of starlings picking across our lawns, hoovering up even small

So it turns out that the best habitat is what we have at the eastern end of Woodham the eastern end of Woodham Burn – a woodland, with a stream, and lots of ground cover bushes and brambles. Any stand of trees is good, because – as well as being a hiding-place for animals and a root for hirds – the trees turn roost for birds – the trees turn the wind upwards, spreading wind-carried seeds and tiny

environment you are studying.
SCORING THE
ENVIRONMENT SCORE 0 – for open spaces, wide water and cut grass. SCORE 1 – if small animals like a field mouse or frog could

insects much further.

'Least-cost path analysis', therefore, allows us to measure

the value of land and (although

there are many different scales

available) I would suggest that

a simple rule-of-thumb would

be to imagine an animal trying

to get across the area, judging how safe it would be in the

do go unseen and safe. SCORE 2 – if the habitat would hide a creature the size of an

SCORE 3 – if a badger or a deer could go unnoticed. Then add extra points if the

+1 – is more than 50 metres from the nearest house - has any trees or shrubs (+2

if it is a wood). +1 – is connected to the open countryside (+2 if connected

on two or more sides). - has a stream running

through it.

A NATURAL BEAUTY

I do hope that parents will teach their children this very simple way of evaluating the environment through which simple way of evaluating the environment through which they are walking. Beauty, they say, is in the eye of the beholder, and I have received recently two letters from residents describing two of the most ecologically valuable areas in the town as 'an expecter'.

eyesore'. Rather, we should train up a generation which whilst manicured lawns and maintained gardens indeed have their place – is able also to look at more natural areas and appreciate them as beautiful in environmentally-valuable

way. John D Clare

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Newton Aycliffe, I called in to see some friends last week and was amazed to see such a great event going on all around the town.

The size of the funfair was unbelievable and really did our town proud and both my own and my friend's kids spent the whole day there and nad a great time.

Who ever organised this deserves a real pat on the back and I wish they were here in Bishop Auckland! Martin Williams

Coffee Morning Raised £1.163

Dear Sir,

Thank you so much for advertising my recent MacMillan Coffee Morning in your paper.
Please could you pass on my

Please could you pass on my grateful thanks to everyone who supported this - baking cakes, donating prizes, delivering leaflets, helping on the day and coming along. Please can you also pass on special thanks to Middridge Village Hall for generously allowing us to use their hall

allowing us to use their hall again this year. We raised the magnificent sum of £1163. Carol Bradley

ACTION NEEDED ON

SCHOOL PARKING

Over the last few weeks, the inconsiderate and illegal parking

in the area of Byerley Park School has again raised its ugly

head. This has been an ongoing issue for a number of years,

especially on Staintondale with the constant blocking of

What really saddens me is the inaction of local councillors

Clare, Durham and Howell. It seems to me they are happy to

score points through the Newton News, but when there are

issues raised that affect their constituents, they are nowhere to

be seen. The School is also very quiet on this subject. It's about time this issue is sorted once and for all. The

Council and their Highways Department must come up with

a permanent solution. Until then some robust policing of the illegal parking over people's drives, on junctions and paths

would help to alleviate the issue. What it is going to take to



Fairground on Car Park Unfair to Surgery

What a fantastic idea to keep the kids amused at half term. I looked forward to seeing lots of amusements back in

Newton Aycliffe.

I remember as a child a fairground came to the Horndale area every year. The sounds and sights of everyone having fun and the smells that wafted all around the area were delicious. I don't know what I was expecting from this organised fair planned in half term, but was very impressed with the amount of attractions that were there.

As I walked past the Bewick Crescent car park, the reminiscence of smells came flooding back and I was in my

childhood again. Unfortunately, I am unsure whether I agree where the fair is being held for a number of reasons. Taking the car park off a busy doctor's surgery, albeit for a short time, was not the best idea. Yes, people can use other car parks in the town

free of charge, but the reason they park in the surgery car park is to visit the surgery and it won't be because they are so full of health that they can hop skip and jump all of the way from the multi storey! Doctors also need the parking

space for emergency call-outs. Ill people have barely managed to get to the car, never mind the surgery and the closest car park (outside Library entrance) was taken up with more attractions. I funeral at St Clare's on these

> The town centre looked lively and full when I walked through it, which was a welcome sight to see, yet we aren't allowed a weekly market due to the effect on the new paving slabs that took forever to lay.

> Now that the powers that be, can see huge fairground rides all over their nice new town centre floor, perhaps a market could be reconsidered? I know many Newtonians would welcome it even if it was once a month. I personally would like to see a Christmas market, or Food market being welcomed for a few days.

> Now that we can see what attracts folk to our town and the community spirit that it brings, how about making more of the town centre space and bringing a little more of what we want. The fair is very welcome to return, but let's think of a better place to put

Glyn Stevens, Emerson Way

Thanks from **Community** Centre

Dear Syd,

I refer to the article in last week's Newton News on Churches Raising funds for Charity

Although I thanked the team on the night can I take this opportunity to officially thank them on behalf of all at NAYCC.

The staff and Board of Trustees are always open for member of the community to come along and see what we have to offer.

Since Asset Transfer of the Centre from Durham County Council we are always looking for new ideas. As we are now self-funding and reliant on the Community and developing new activities.

Vince Crosby Chairman of Trustees

Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre

It's Not Fair!

Could please tell me why we have a fair in the town centre when they will not allow a market were every one would benefit week in and week out?

I will not be the only one complaining about this and can only think they must be getting one hell of a lump

If they can do this then I think we should have the market back in the town. I have been on the town since 1959 and have seen it go from bad to worse and I am very disappointed the way things are going. Mr G B Nichol



GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Customer Panel Meeting

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held

WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2017

commencing at 7.00pm. The Panel meet in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

'At this meeting the Finance Manager will be discussing the future budgets together with the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, Councillor R.S. Fleming'.

We are always looking for new members. If you would like to know a little more about us and our work this would be a great meeting to attend. The group are informal and quite often have lively debates about a wide range of Town Council matters.

Why not come along and join us at this meeting - we look forward to seeing and meeting new members.

Further information can be obtained from Christine Walton on 01325 300700

e-mail: Christine.Walton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the

HEALTHWATCH REPORT ON **PHARMACY**

An Enter and View report on Bewick Crescent Pharmacy by Healthwatch was made recently. Customers praised quick and friendly service, the good team spirit among staff, the convenient location and never having to wait long for a prescription. Pharmacist Siobhan Boyce said: 'Our visitors were unobtrusive and a welcome addition to the pharmacy on the day. The morning they visited provided an accurate picture of a normal day in the pharmacy and the valuable feedback provided will be passed on to our staff and used in planning our pharmacy and the services it

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junctions.

Dear Sir I thank 'DTU' for his letter, which highlights an issue of frequent complaint.

solve this, a serious accident?

Parking problems most schools in the County, because the County's schools were located and designed in an era when few children were driven to school. Thus the council must come up with a solution' is easier said than done. It is also clearly impossible to have traffic wardens at every school at 3-4pm every afternoon.

Over the years, parking outside Byerley Park School has had a great deal of A Park-andattention. Stride scheme was set up. but floundered when the car park was blocked off. Former Byerley Park Councillor Paul Kjenstad established a townwide consultative group and worked energetically for four years to find solutions. Ron Hogg PCVC has campaigned at the school gate.

It is moreover unfair to say that 'the school is silent' on this; the school constantly asks parents to

key consideration has to be the safety of the children, and the restrictions on cars entering the playground, and the yellow lines and zigzags at the entrance to Staintondale, have helped to keep the pupils safe in the school grounds and at the road crossing.
Neither am I wholly going to

blame the parents, who have to pick up their children, often coping with younger children and pushchairs, when there is nowhere to park except on the roads of the local estate.

And it is unreasonable to accuse the councillors of doing nothing. We conducted a walkabout of the area in September, and the parking problem at the school was one of the matters we observed, and discussed with residents. 'DTU' has written to the Newton News without first contacting any of us. will contact 'DTU'

through the Newton News to discuss the matter.



Residents, their families and the local community were joined by district nurses and the Mayor of Newton Aycliffe to celebrate the recent 'Good' CQC report at Defoe Court Care Home.

To mark the occasion, attendees were treated to high tea, an Elvis tribute act, and caricatures by the talented Paul Slattery. The team at Defoe Court was delighted to receive an impressive CQC report that rated the home as "Good" overall, with a highly-coveted 'Outstanding" rating in the Care category. The report demonstrates the home is providing high standards of care for Residents.

also Defoe Court is celebrating achieving 9.8 average rating on the sector's leading care home comparison website carehome.co.uk, and was recently ranked in the Top 20

care homes in the North East

Sarah Todd, Defoe Court Home Manager, said: "I'm delighted to have

welcomed so many friends, family members and guests to our celebration event.

The Good CQC report is the culmination of a huge effort from the team and recognition of the consistent standards we set for ourselves at Defoe Court.'

Lynn Lant, HC-One Area Director, said:

"I'd like to thank Mayor Wendy Hillary for joining us to celebrate Defoe Court's Good COC Celebration event.

"Defoe Court is a very special care home and for it to be recognised as "Oustanding" for Care is a fitting description for the consistent standard of kind care delivered in the home on a daily basis.'



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Mayor Joins in Care Super Cree Men Build 3M Slams Union Claims of Home Celebrations "Super Ched" for DCD Dickensian Practices "Super Shed" for PCP

Greenfield Cree have once again been working hard to bring something very special to the community. In partnership with PCP (Pioneering Care Aycliffe they have designed and built a new 'Super Shed' which will be a fantastic asset to the PCP garden project.

There was a great response to the new structure, with over fifty people in attendance at the launch which included representatives from the many contributors who had provided their services and materials at a reduced cost or free to the project. These included CEMEX who donated half price concrete, Palram, Newton Aycliffe who supplied plastic sheeting for skylights, windows and wall linings and sky lights, and BTS who provided the roof free of charge! Palram and BTS were also good enough to supply expert manpower to help carry out the work.

The Shed will be invaluable to the garden project, many of the gardeners themselves were present, one of the leads David, who is a wheelchair user gave a small speech explaining just how the new "Super Shed" would make a difference. The shed will enable him to come along more often especially during inclement weather, and also how good it would be to be able to access the tools and equipment for himself.

The Chair and CEO of the PCP were in attendance alongside Howard Leslie who leads the garden project, Howard acknowledged the generosity of the Cree Men - designing and building the shed would allow the scale



The project promotes wellbeing and friendship for the gardeners, an ethos which is at the heart of Cree. Also as a bi-product there is a lot of produce – strawberries, potatoes, leeks and pears, which participants can take home to use.

Greenfield Cree were well represented at the event with 12 members attending alongside group leader Richard Agar and they appreciated thoroughly the scones and tea and the opportunity to meet and chat with the gardening group, company representatives and the PCP team that has assisted them in this extremely successful and

Cree is a GAMP public health funded project led by Greenfield Arts which promotes well-being through community projects and new members are always welcome, anyone wishing to know a little bit more about Cree and Greenfield Arts should contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 or check out our website www. greenfield-arts.co.uk

Dickensian Practices

union, printed in last week's Newton News, that the 3M manufacturing site at Avcliffe is acting like a Dickensian villain have been completely rejected by the company. The claims had been made in a press release issued by the union in which it branded the science-based technology company as a "Scrooge employer" for requiring production to continue during the three working days between the Christmas and New Year holidays.

In the article, it was stated that this requirement was directly linked to ongoing discussions over pay increases for company's

employees. 3M has said that any suggestion of a link between these discussions the arrangements during the Christmas and New Year period is completely false. Aycliffe site manager Colin MacLeod explained: "As a major manufacturer of masks and respirators for workers, including healthcare professionals in this country and abroad, it is essential that we ensure continuity of supply to meet the needs

Claims by the Unite of our customers and, ultimately, protect the health of end-users.

> "Current levels demand are such that we need to have the machines running on the three regular workdays between Christmas and New Year.

> believe employees understand this and appreciate flexibility." greatly

Helping Others in the **Aycliffe Community**

Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership (GACAP) will be holding their monthly meeting at DISC Offices next to the the Blue Bridge. Guest speakers this month will be Rachael O'Donnell and Durham Advise also David Butler from ROCSOLID.

The meeting will commence at the new time of 3.45 to allow partners to get a "free" coffee before a prompt start at 4.pm on Monday 6th November.

If you, or the company/charity you work/volunteer for, have an interest in caring for those in our community who for one reason or an other are facing difficult times, then this might be the meeting you can attend to find out how you can help. For any further information please contact the secretary on secretary@gacap.org.uk



Phil Wilson MP has written to David Gauke, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, raising his concerns on the impact the Universal Credit roll out would have on his constituency. Mr Wilson is concerned it will cause hardship for many individuals and families.

In his letter to the DWP, our MP said the six week wait claimants would be subject to would leave many struggling financially, stating 'It is clear the government are completely out of touch with how people live their lives.'
Mr Wilson argued in the letter that the Government's

decision to pay Universal Credit every four weeks in arrears needs to be seriously reconsidered to avoid people suffering. The offer

payments is not sufficient, and will only cause further financial pressures on households in the future. He also highlighted the extortionate costs which can

be incurred from calling the Universal Credit Helpline, as well as the fact applications making it difficult for those who don't have access to the internet or struggle to use a computer.

In his letter Mr Wilson calls on the Government to 'make the Universal Credit Helpline a 'free to call' line in order to alleviate financial pressure' as well as asking them to consider the introduction of an off-line application process for Universal Credit. Mr Wilson said 'the Universal Credit roll out is an utter shambles and I am seriously concerned about the detrimental impact it will have on my constituents. The fact that the Government are ploughing ahead with this flawed and unfair process is a demonstration of the heartlessness which drives Tory policy making.

Myself, and many of my colleagues, strongly urge the Government to rethink and reformulate the Universal Credit process before families in my constituency and across the country are faced with financial





who parents completed a course to help develop their life skills were recognised at an event earlier week. More than 50

young parents were invited to the celebration at Hardwick Park near Sedgefield after taking part in the Teen Parent County Council's One Point

The 20-week course aimed increase opportunities for education, employment and training, reduce health inequalities and raise selfesteem, aspirations and educational attainment. It also supports parents to develop life-skills and positive work-life goals. Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet

member said: "It was great to see so many people at this event to recognise the achievements these parents have made over the last few

"Caring for a baby is not easy and we all need support, particularly those who are still young themselves. This course helps parents give their children the best start in life as well as making sure they develop their own skills which will be useful in their future careers or training."

For more information visit http://www.durham.gov.uk/ onepoint

Be our guest for 2018

After recently finishing their near sell out "Mamma Mia" production, the award winning CATS Youth Theatre Group are about to start rehearsals on their next show the all time classic "Beauty and the Beast".

A spokesperson for the group said "The young people chose this show themselves and it will be performed in March next year, as an Easter pantomime. Oh Yes It Will!
The CATS group have never performed a pantomime before,

so the young people are anxious to make this a great success. If any young person aged 8 to 16 years would like to take part in this fantastic show either Singing, Dancing or Acting, (they choose which they'd like to do) then we would welcome them to come along on a Friday night to the Sunnydale Leisure Centre, Shildon, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. For more information ring 07747 826324



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Course for Young Parents LOOKING AFTER YOUR PETS **AROUND FIREWORKS**

With Bonfire Night around the corner, vets have issued a warning to pet owners after a survey revealed at least 75% of pets are frightened of fireworks The

'Firework typically lasts a few weeks around Bonfire Night, but now pets can face months of stress from Halloween until New

Year.
To help owners and pets cope with the events over the next few months, vets have put together a guide on how to deal

with anxious pets.
"The loud bangs, whizzing and bright lights of fireworks

are one of the biggest causes of stressed pets at this time of year, but it is by no means the only one," said Dr Huw Stacey, vet and director of clinical services at Vets4Pets, who carried out the survey.

Loud noises, strangers

Loud noises, strangers knocking at the door and even a crowded home can make pets worry, meaning Halloween, Christmas and winter parties can make pets really anxious and stressed.

Classic signs of a pet being in distress include, a change in appetite, trying to escape the noise and in dogs also excessive barking, panting and drooling. Prevention is key and it's important for pet owners to think about how they can reduce their pet's anxiety ahead of any event that could potentially cause stress for their pet.

Owners can create a safe den Owners can create a safe den in a secluded corner of the house, and surround it with blankets and other bedding to create a soundproofed place for your pet to retreat to.

Closing curtains and playing loud music can also help to protect pets from being frightened. Some pets can benefit from pheromone benefit from pheromone products, food supplements

and medications.
Thankfully the survey also demonstrated we're a nation of animal lovers, as more than 90% of owners admitted they have stayed at home with their pet this time of year, particularly when fireworks are set off.

Cats, dogs and other pets' hearing is a lot more sensitive than humans and with firework noise reaching up to 150 decibels, which is as loud as a

decibels, which is as loud as a jet engine, it's not surprising pets find this distressing. Reports of missing pets can rise across the firework season, with 70% of cat owners noticing their cat hides away from loud noises and crowds of people. Cats tend to hunker down, and sit out unusual down and sit out unusual noises and situations, but this can get them into unintended trouble.

troute. If they're outside or can escape through a cat flap, some will run away and get lost, while others will find sanctuary in

leads to them being potentially locked in and unable to return

At this time of year, the best advice for cat owners is to keep their pet inside when it's dark, so they're in a safe it's dark, so they re in a safe environment and can avoid the dangers of outside, including fireworks and cars, and make sure they're microchipped."

But it's not just cat and dogs as ta survey revealed 15% of goldfish lose their appetite at this time of year. Goldfish can hear quite well, particularly when sound waves hit their tank, but they're not the only smaller pet that need support. Rabbits, mice, guinea pigs and hamsters can all be affected y strange noises and lights. Where possible rabbit owners Where possible rabbit owners should provide extra hay for them to create a safe and secure hiding place. Outdoor hutches can be draped with blankets to provide some soundproofing.

We all love a good party or celebration, whether that's by watching fireworks, dressing up as ghosts or enjoying Christmas gatherings, but before they start we'd encourage pet owners to make

encourage pet owners to make sure their pet is in a safe, warm place, away from any potential stress inducing activity. Even simple things such as

not reacting to fireworks and turning on the radio or TV to drown out noise are all ways to help anxious pets. For further information on keeping pets calm during Bonfire Night, please visit www.vets4pets. com/fireworks.

'Burning Bright' at **Book Launch**



Greenfield students deserve well-earned congratulations their fabulous contribution to a recent project which resulted in the publication of a poignant collection of work.

The book, "Burning Bright: An Anthology of Love, Lived in Shildon" was a collaboration between Shildon Alive, St. Johns Church, St. Johns Primary and the Sunnydale Campus of Greenfield Community College.

Earlier this year students were invited to write no more than 100 words about 'the person who lights up your Their contributions were transcribed and put together into the heartwarming anthology.

At the launch event all contributors were pleased to receive two free copies of the book, one for themselves and one for the person they wrote about. It was a lovely informal evening with refreshments, readings and chat.

The event led by Reverend Tomlinson was a great success. Deputy Headteacher Milton introduced Ron the evening and Assistant Headteacher Kath Bennett spoke proudly about the student contributions "I'm incredibly proud of our students – I feel privileged to be able to read what they have said about the people who matter most to them. It's a touching and honest tribute" said Ms Bennet.

Malcolm Gray from sponsors 'Livin' also addressed guests and spoke highly of the publication which they were very happy to support. Sam Nelson, a former student, Lucy Mann from Shildon

Alive and Ellie Cunningham a current Year 9 student gave well received readings from the anthology demonstrating the quality of work included in the book and bringing a personal touch to their personal stories.

Representatives from the church and the diocese, staff from Shildon Alive and most importantly students and their guests also attended, the evening was a lovely opportunity to celebrate the ork of all contributors and a big thank you to all involved.

Film Show

The "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 7th November the 2016 fantasy features MONSTEŘ CALLS" starring Sigourney Liam Neeson Weaver, voicing the monster.

Young Conor has more to deal with than most 12 yearolds and no friends . . . until a monster calls . . . some

Not a light children's film, sometimes dark, sometimes sad, but a great film. Tea and coffee are served at 1pm, included in the £2.

The film starts at 1.15pm. Please note that children must be accompanied. A variety of chairs are provided for your comfort, and tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you enjoy a great film in friendly company. EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME.

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Move "The Head" to New Entrance of Business Park



Dear Sir

Like a lot of others, I am glad to see plans for the extension of the Aycliffe Business Park. The first phase of the works alone, providing a boost in terms of road access and improvements to the motorway service area

the motorway service area.

However, I do feel as though to date, we are missing a trick to help promote both the business park and the town of Aycliffe as a whole.

It would be ideal if there was an obvious focal point - imagine Aycliffe's answer to The Angel of the North. I realise that in such cash restrained times this may be difficult to achieve. There is of course one answer. How about relocating "The Head" currently languishing in a small cutting of trees a short distance down the road?

Mounted on a suitably prominent plinth either on the highest point of the new development or by the side of the motorway, it would add a distinctive feature and help draw attention to the development and by association, our town.

Rob Kirton

Fires & Drinking on the Nature Park

Dear Sir,

Taking my dog for a walk today as usual to "The Pond" a workman was securing a fence around the bungalows due to be demolished at Travellers Green and asked me to assist him to fasten a bolt in position as vandals had entered the site and taken wood etc. On arrival at the pond I found wood removed from the site had been used for a fire in front of the seating area and bottles were floating in the pond.

Some bottles had been smashed in the pond and walking back through the wooded area adjacent to the bungalows I found more broken bottles.

Needless to say I won't be visiting this part of our walk until the authorities sort it out. The welcoming signs should be rephrased or removed.

onald Nelson

Stay & Play at Village School



The Reception children of Aycliffe Village School have settled very well into life at school. Since starting in September, many have made lots of new friends and learnt new and exciting things. They enjoyed a recent "Stay and Play" where families and friends were invited to come and share the wonderful experiences of school. The children were really proud to show their families around and tell them what they have been learning.

"It was a great afternoon, and a lovely chance to see what my child enjoys and gets up too in class" remarked one parent.

"The staff have worked hard

to create a fantastic place to explore and have adventures for our children" explained one of the grandparents.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2018, then contact the school

office to arrange a visit. Please contact the school on 01325 300227 to arrange an appointment where a member of staff can show you around and answer any questions.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

On Saturday 11th November a Christmas Crafts & Gifts Fayre will be held at Neville Parade Methodist Church from 10am -2pm. Admission 50p to include a free drink. There will be a variety of crafts stalls including cards, jewellery, wood turning, crochet, toiletries, cakes etc. Bacon & Sausage sandwiches will be served as well as Broth, Pie & Peas along with delicious desserts, all at bargain prices.

Come along & join us a warm welcome awaits you. For further details, Tel. 07733 210845

Town Council Want your Views on Services & Facilities

Great Aycliffe Town Council will hold a CUSTOMER PANEL MEETING on Wednesday 15th November at 7.00pm to which all residents are invited.

The Town Council will give a short presentation and will seek views and comments on its proposed budget for Services and Facilities the provide.

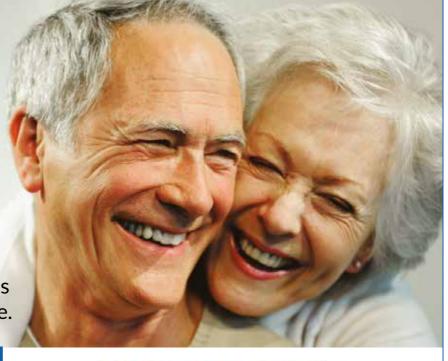
The Leader Cllr Bob Fleming would be particularly pleased if members from the Town's Residents Associations could attend.

This meeting will help towards the Town Council consulting, informing and dealing with Residents' concerns and priorities whilst acknowledging the part that Residents' Associations play in providing views and feedback to the Council.

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Is Our MP Phil Wilson a Turncoat?

I refer to Owen Dickinson's letter in last week's issue of the Newton News and apologise to him for missing his delegate speech at the Labour Party conference. I watched most of the BBC's coverage, and can only assume that the Brexit comments in his speech were in support of Brexit and that in true BBC fashion they therefore decided not to air it! In my letter I criticised the fact that the Corbyn led Labour/ Momentum Party manifesto, as elaborated on in the Conference, set out to undo most of the legislation enacted by the last Labour Governments of Blair and Brown. From Owen's response, "The issues he lists were the issues that the Labour Party now believes in; . . . ". it would now appear that New Labour is dead; its policies are to be wiped from history and the statute book as though Tony Blair and Gordon Brown had never existed. Do all local Labour Party members agree with this? Did our MP Phil Wilson mislead the Labour Party and the electorate when he published an election leaflet saying he did not support Jeremy Corbyn?

Please would Phil Wilson and /or a spokesman for the local Labour Party tell the

electorate: a) Is Phil Wilson (Tony Blair's successor) now a 'turn coat' and a loyal Corbyn 'turn-Momentum supporter and will he campaign on the current Corbyn / Momentum manifesto?
b) Do the local Labour Party

now support all the Corbyn / Momentum policies?

c) Do the majority in the local Labour Party now support LEAVE?

d) Why, having voted to trigger Article 50, did Phil Wilson vote with Corbyn against the 'Great Repeal

I would like to point out to Phil Wilson and other Remain MP's that those who voted LEAVE did so to make Parliament sovereign again. However, this cannot happen until we leave the EU. Until then, the democratic LEAVE vote in the Referendum is sovereign!

Referendum democratic and legal and Parliament agreed to abide by the result when it voted to trigger Article 50. For the sake of Democracy, social cohesion, and our economic future all MP's are duty bound not to delay Brexit or to weaken our negotiating position. Alastair P.G.Welsh

Helping Lonely People this Christmas

For most of us, Christmas brings up happy memories of time spent with friends and family. However, for many, Christmas represents a sad and lonely time.

At that time of year, many of the services and support groups people usually rely on take a much-needed break. At Christmas, the happy smiling world can often seem an even lonelier place.

With your help, Aycliffe's Lifeline Community Action is committed to changing that this year. If you are going to be alone around Christmas or even if you are a single parent who finds this time of the year daunting because of financial problems, then we'd love to hear from you by letting us know now by phoning or texting 07936 431262.

You can also e-mail lifeline. action@googlemail.com and we will get back in touch with you. We offer a friendly and confidential service.

We are planning our Winter Wonderland Christmas meal on Saturday 16th December lpm at Woodham Golf & County Club with a special performance from Cockerton Silver Band. It really is going

to be a remarkable event... please doesn't miss out if you'd like an invitation. It's going to be like one big family party with lots of friendship, fun, and laughter, and one or two surprises.

Are you in a fortunate position to be able to support our Winter Wonderland Christmas Dinner for those who are alone or maybe can't afford Christmas?
Join Lifeline Community

Action to make Christmas a better time for all. We urgently need money make it all happen and for transport so we can get people to and from the venue. Please call us now on 07936 431262 or e-mail lifeline. action@google mail.com

Thank you so very much, Lifeline Community Action

AYCLIFFE INDIAN TAKEAWAY OWNER ON TV AGAIN





Aycliffe Indian Takeaway owner Syed Marjan Haque is one of the top five chefs in the country after winning the accolade last year.

Following on from that success he is appearing on TV again cooking his favourite dish. The Chef programme will be screened in January on Channel 1 on Sky and on YouTube (search for 'The Chef Show" episode 4 and 7).

Syed (40) from Bangladesh enjoys cooking and working in Newton Aycliffe at Masala Tandoori, Cobblers Hall where his food receives many compliments.

COUNCIL ORGANISE FIRST PRIVATE LANDLORD SEMINAR

100 private and industry than landlords and industry partners came together to share best practice in an event which took place during national empty homes week. The private landlord seminar, the first of its kind organised by Durham County Council, included sessions on Universal Credit, tenancy deposit schemes and updates in legislation and was attended by partners from Durham Constabulary, the fire and rescue service and Northumbrian Water and many others.

Landlords were also given information about the council's Private Landlord Accreditation Scheme, which can help and support their business in managing tenancies and bringing their empty homes back into use. Cllr Kevin Shaw, Cabinet member for strategic housing and assets, said: "It was extremely encouraging to see so many landlords attend this session to share information, raise any of their own concerns and find out more about the work we are doing to support the private rented sector.

"Since April 2017, almost 800 landlords and owners have received support from the council's private sector initiatives team and with the significant recent changes to legislation, including the rollout of Universal Credit, we are in unprecedented times. We will continue to tackle these issues and will work hard to increase the supply of affordable accommodation across the county."
Landlords who sign up to

the accreditation scheme are given the opportunity to advertise their properties on the Durham Key Options website, which has seen 96 properties let since April this

The team work hard to engage with owners of empty properties and over the same period, 120 properties have been brought back into use.

Earlier this year, Durham County Council private private sector initiatives officer Storey was highly

commended for the Empty Homes Officer of the Year award by the Empty Homes

Network "The whole team works exceptionally hard to bring empty properties back into use and I was delighted to be recognised in this way," she said. By providing advice and support to landlords we have helped reduce the number of vacant properties in the area, meeting our targets for the last three years running."
For more information visit

http://www.durham.gov.uk/

emptyhomes

Memorial Services by Hospital Chaplains

The chaplains at County Durham and Darlington Foundation NHS invite parents living with a pregnancy loss or the death of a baby the opportunity to gather to remember their child at two forthcoming services.

The first is at Elm Ridge Methodist Church, lington, DL3 8DJ, at 3.00pm on Sunday, 5th November 2017. The second is at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church, DL14 6EN, at 7.00pm on Monday, 11th December 2017.

Kevin Tromans, lead chaplain

at County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, said, "These services remembrance thanksgiving are for anyone who has been affected by this very sad experience, including wider families and regardless of whether the loss was recent or in the more distant past. We hold them regularly and the next services will be in March

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Charity Concert for MRI **Scanner Appeal**

A Charity Concert in aid of the Darlington and Bishop Auckland MRI Scanner Appeal will be held at St Augustine's Parish centre in Larchfield Street, Darlington on Friday 10th November at

The entertainment will be provided by the Stockton to Darlington Ukulele Express and tickets are £5. Doors open at 7.00pm and for details and to order tickets contact B Fox on 07400 905033 or P Chambers on 07770 455651.

Wear Valley photography Club will have their next meeting on Monday 13th November with a knock out competition of images at Etherley Methodist Hall, South Road, High Etherley from 7.15pm. Entrance is £2 for non members who are always welcome to come and see what we have to offer at all levels of ability.

For further details contact the Secretary on 07753 178682

GOT NEWS FOR US?

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High Seas Fun in Gala's Pirate Panto



Tickets selling fast are for the Gala Theatre's latest pantomime – the swashbuckling tale of Robinson Crusoe. The team behind Gala's biggest-selling pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk, which saw over 33,000 people flock to 69 performances in 2016/17, are returning for this year's show. Armstrong and Paul Hartley are again on board to write, direct and star in the pantomime, which takes place from Thursday, 23 November 2017 to Saturday, 6 January

"This will be my tenth year playing the baddie at the Gala and my third year writing and directing with Paul," said Neil, who plays Captain Horatio Blackheart.
"We loved the idea of writing

a piratical adventure this year so both thought Robinson Crusoe was a good bet.

"We've got mermaids, tropical parrots and hopefully a new twist on Man Friday – the set looks amazing and this vear we have a wonderful special effects team working alongside us, so all aboard and bring on the pirates!
"The Durham audiences have

been marvellous to Paul and I and we welcome them all back with open arms, big smiles and lots of boos!" Gateshead-born Jamie Brown,

who played the leading role in this year's Mr Corvan's Music Hall, will take on the role of Robinson as he sets off an adventure to find the fabled Pearl of Wisdom.

He will be joined on his quest by his brother Billy Bob, played by Paul, his mother Dame Connie Crusoe (Paul Dunn) as well as the feisty Polly Perkins – played by Sunderland actress Lauren Waine.

Along the way they will meet goddess of the sea Aqua Marina, played by Jayne Mackenzie, as they try to

reach safer shores.
"This is my 15th panto year at the Gala and the last three have been the most fun. We've seen audience figures grow year on year and have gained a loyal following," said Neil's fellow director Paul.

"We've been excited to share the stage with great performers from Gala Theatre Stage School and look forward creating more shows

"This year's show is the biggest we've attempted and we are thrilled to be heading out on the high seas."
Tickets cost between £6 and

£17 with family tickets also £1/ with available. A BSL

interpreted A BSL interpreted performance will take place on Sunday, 10 December, while a relaxed performance for people with autism and their families will take place on Thursday, 14 December. Robin Byers, Durham County Council's manager for the

Council's manager for the Gala Theatre, said: "Gala's pantomime is something we are hugely proud of. This will be the tenth year of producing our own pantomime, and we think we've developed the show into one of the best in

"Using actors and characters that our audiences love, the right amount of local flavour, and traditional stories told in a hilarious way, we are delighted that our audience return year after year in greater numbers.
The feedback we get is overwhelmingly positive, and as long as people are enjoying what we do, we'll keep on enjoying making the shows". For tickets visit www. galadurham.co.uk or call the box office on 03000 266 600.

DURHAM LOAN SHARKS TARGETED AT CONFERENCE

Loan sharks and high-cost lenders have been targeted at a conference of anti-illegal money lending organisations from County Durham.

The conference, held at Bishop Auckland FC in October, brought together a number of key organisation such as the Illegal Money Lending Team, NE First, Savers, Durham Police Crime and Victims Office. Commissioner's Think Families, Citizens Advice Bureau and Area Action Partnerships.

The Illegal Money lending Team and NE First Credit Union have recently become joint sponsors of BAFC and the Illegal Money Conference was the first of many events the partnership will be holding to increase awareness of the credit union. Durham County Council's financial inclusion and credit union awareness project Durham Savers has played a pivotal role in bringing the credit union and The Illegal Money Lending Team together with Bishop Auckland FC.

Cllr Carl Marshall, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "Durham could lead the way in helping the credit union to become a more mainstream organisation, recognised by families as a more ethical and community focussed banking option.

"The club shirt sponsorship is just one of a series of steps NE First are taking to reinforce the brand of the credit union, and Durham Savers fully supports their aims to grow the movement here in the county.

"My hope in the next 5 years is for the credit unions to become household names and see high interest lenders and loan sharks gone for

of the Credit Union will mean they become more appealing to the public; when the number of members rise month on month, it will squeeze high interest lenders and loan sharks out of the

market."

Tony Quigley, manager of The Illegal Money Lending

opportunity a great to showcase the work of The Illegal Money Team in County Durham in the last year and how the partnerships that have been forged have contributed to the fantastic work that has taken place. "Loan sharks target some of

the most vulnerable people in society and operate in partnership with other key local organisations to tackle this crime.

"The success conference was evident when we had over 70 people attend and the feedback we had was very positive and a lead into future work in County

READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Richard Atterby took this stunning shot of Geese on the Boating Lake recently. "I've never seen so many birds on the boating lake at once" said Richard. If you have an opportunity to take an interesting photograph in town please send to: syd@newtonnews.co.uk

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Flower Demo

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Tickets £5 (members) Visitors (£8) Available on the door or by contacting T. Hall (01388) 763430



Hear Hear! Deaf rescue Dog Seeks Loving Home Canine Carers at Dogs Trust Darlington are looking for a new home for two-year-old Norris, a sweetnatured English Bull Terrier cross, who also happens to be deaf.

Dogs with hearing impairments rely more heavily on touch, smell and vibrations in order to adjust to their surroundings, so it is important Norris finds his special someone soon, as he needs a loving family who can spend time settling him into their new

Loveable Norris is a playful soul who loves attention and lots of cuddles. As he is a relatively new resident to Dogs Trust Darlington, the team hope to find him a suitable family quickly, so the transition into his new home is

Sharon Boult, Training and Behaviour Advisor for Dogs Trust Darlington, said: "Norris is a gorgeous dog who has lots of energy, so we would love to rehome him with a family who has experience of caring for bull breeds, especially those who have cared for deaf dogs before. Sometimes potential owners can be put off by dogs with hearing impairments but they shouldn't be. When training deaf dogs, we use the same hand signals used to guide "The main difference is we have to be a bit more inventive when it comes to gaining their attention but by using rewards based methods, it is perfectly possible to train a deaf dog to respond to numerous commands. We really hope that Norris will not be overlooked just because he is deaf, as he is such a super little character who will make a very rewarding pet in the right home.

Norris would be ideally suited to a family who have experience of training a dog with hearing impairments or are willing to make adjustments to their training techniques. would prefer an adult only home and would benefit from a large, secure garden, with lots of room to explore.

If you're interested in finding out more information about Norris, contact Dogs Trust Darlington on 0300 303 0292

Volunteer and Help Light up Durham's Lumiere

Fancy playing a key role in the UK's biggest light festival next month? There's still time to sign up as a volunteer for this year's Lumiere.

Durham County Council, commissions which producers Artichoke, are searching for a crew of volunteers who will enjoy the event from a unique perspective and help it sparkle this November. People with a friendly

this November.
People with a friendly personality and passion for the festival are encouraged to apply to be a Festival Maker if they're over the age of 18 by

Wednesday 1 November.
Roles include welcoming visitors to Durham City, helping them find their way around the installations and telling people about the artworks.
Volunteers could also be called

on to assist in the running of the Festival Visitor Hub

of the Festival Visitor Hub or offer practical help when needed, such as delivering items to production staff. Kaye Stephenson, principal aquatics manager at the council, volunteered for Lumiere in 2015 and believes there are many reasons to become a Festival Maker.

She said: "It was great to play a role in a major event in Durham and see all the attractions from

and see all the attractions from an inside point of view.
"Not only will it utilise your skills and knowledge, it will boost your confidence and self-esteem and also enhance your CV – and it's great for networking and making friends."

This year's Festival Makers are supported by landlord and developer Thirteen.



Thirteen, said: "Thirteen is proud to be developing high quality, affordable housing in the Durham area. However, we are more than just a landlord and it's important that we support the communities we work in.

work in.
"Lumiere is such a major event and highlights all that is good about the city, so we're delighted to be supporting the amazing volunteers who give up their time to ensure that the hundreds of thousands of the visitors to the festival house the visitors to the festival have the very best experience."

Volunteers will need to be available for at least two shifts of between four and seven and a half hours during the festival, which runs from Thursday, 16 November to Sunday, 19 November – as well as attending a couple of meetings

Everyone is welcome part whether first time nteers or those with volunteers

volunteers or those with previous experience. Julie Lavery, Durham County Council's volunteer and skills manager, said: "We have some amazing and passionate people in County Durham who generously give up their time to make our events even more enjoyable for residents and visitors alike.

"We've already had so many people sign up to volunteer for Lumiere, so if you want to enhance your CV, have fun and help light up the city this year it would be great to hear from you." Follow #LumiereDurham for the latest news and information about Lumiere 2017. To sign up to be a Festival Maker visit www. durham.gov.uk/festivalmaker

Council Discuss Prevention of Child Sexual Exploitation

"Corrie" Actor speaks on his Story line

An actor at the centre of a storvline on child sexual exploitation (CSE) has visited Durham as part of a week of events co-ordinated by the Local Safeguarding Children Board.

Chris Harper, who played child groomer Nathan in Coronation Street, spoke about his story line and the public reaction to his role during a training session on CSE at County Hall as part of National Safeguarding Week. The actor is also involved in 'Voicing Child Sexual Abuse' animation The Mouse,

which helps victims and survivors of CSE to share their experiences with the national Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.

The two half-day sessions were organised by the LSCB and Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust who provide the 0-19 Healthy Child Programme in County Durham.

"Days like today are absolutely vital because there are so many people working hard in this area and it's really important they connect as much as possible so that they are always ready when victims or survivors come forward and need help," said Chris.

"The big message I would want to get across to people is that they are not alone and it isn't your fault and there is help out there. In terms of the professionals involved, they're doing excellent work and as much as possible they should link up all of the forces for good across the country." Other speakers at the event included nurses in child protection, the LSCB lead for CSE and Durham Constabulary's ERASE team, with those attending the session including Durham Council County family workers.

Jane Geraghty, Chair of Durham LSCB, said: "Child sexual exploitation is child abuse and it can have a

damaging and long-lasting impact on children, as well as their families.

"Victims of sexual exploitation are often reluctant to report their abuse or do not recognise they are being abused and so it is extremely important for all of us to be 'eyes and ears' in our communities, to identify children who may be at risk and those who may be offending. Safeguarding is evervone's responsibility.' Continues...

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet member for children and young people, said: "The story line that Chris was involved in has helped to raise the issue of child sexual exploitation across the country and we are delighted he has attended this event to share his experiences. "Across County Durham, LSCB partner agencies such as children's services, police and health work together to tackle CSE through three strands of work - prevent, protect and pursue.

'Training sessions like this highlight the importance multi-agency working and allow partners to come together, identify areas of good practice and learn from each other."

Anyone concerned a child is being abused should call First Contact on 03000 26 79 79. Hear Chris speak about his experiences at https:// www.youtube.com/ watch?v=Oz9zIbPLCKA

DON'T **DRIVE** INCHES BEHIND **CAR IN FRONT**

Most motorists agree that having another car travelling inches behind you is one of the greatest sources of stress and agitation on the road.

Thoughtless driving is dangerous for example driving in the middle or outside lane when not overtaking and delaying those who wish to overtake. The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers should mount a campaign for drivers to "Move Off" from the lane

in which they are travelling. It would also be nice if drivers remembered why their vehicles have indicators and if pedestrians could check the road is clear before pressing the button and using the Pedestrian Crossing.

Bill Winters (looking to play "Grumpy" in Pantomime).

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European Recognition for Durham **Schools**

A programme which helps schools across County Durham reduce both their carbon dioxide emissions and energy costs has been praised at an industry conference in Spain. Interreg Europe, which helps regional and local governments to develop and deliver better policy, shared details of Durham County Council's School Carbon Reduction Programme (SCRP) at its European Policy Learning Event in Seville.

The SCRP offers schools tailored support on reducing carbon dioxide emissions, from working with pupils to develop environmental and energy awareness campaigns to teacher training highlighting the opportunities for using energy data within lessons.

It also provides access to an online portal which gives upto-date and accurate energy and water usage data and helps schools achieve cost savings.

The scheme was presented to members as an outstanding members as an outstanding example of a successful project with schools and hailed as

with schools and natical as being easily transferable. Ian Bloomfield, Durham County Council's principal funding and projects officer said: "It's a huge honour for the SCRP to be recognised amongst our European peers.
"Interreg Europe is all about

sharing best practice so it's great that County Durham can contribute and be at the forefront of developing successful policies and programmes that improve energy efficiency. energy efficiency.
"The SCRP has already saved

a great deal of money for our schools as well as significantly reduced carbon emissions, and we hope to increase this contribution as the programme

contribution as the programme continues."

The SCRP is part of the Interreg Europe REBUS project and is coordinated by Durham County Council for schools with an Energy Service Level Agreement. The programme was introduced in 2010 and provides a strategic approach to improving energy approach to improving energy use and energy efficiency in schools across the county.

The programme has grown from 60 schools in 2010 to 241 schools in the 2016/17 academic year and has so far helped to save 13,000 tonnes of CO2 and over £2.6 million for schools based upon business as usual predictions.





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local Councillors usually attend and are happy to answer any questions or refer them to the appropriate department.

We are arranging a trip to the ever popular Skipton Christmas Market on 3rd December 2017 and will be taking names this month. Our meetings are friendly, non-political and open to anyone to come along for a chat, tea or coffee.

Tea & Talk at "Loco"

Locomotion hosts a bi-monthly series of talks by Curators from the National Railway Museum. The next talk in the series will take place in the Hackworth Room, Collection Building, on Thursday November 16. starting at 1.45pm.

The title of the talk is "Inspiring stories from the National Railway Museum's archive" and the speakers are the National Railway Museum's Associate Archivists. Angelique and Charlotte Bonamy Dennard.

Angelique and Charlotte will share stories based on the vehicles on display at Locomotion from the archive. This talk will feature material from our collection, including footage and sound recordings.

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Youthy Football Round Up

Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 10's would like to thank Craig Laheney-Clark and PPG Industrial Coatings for the kind donation of 10 Futsal balls to improve the skills of our young footballers. Manager young footballers. Manager Peter Robinson said "It is great to see local companies like PPG Industrial Coatings, Shildon supporting grass roots football".

Waldrdge Park 1 - 2 Newton Aycliffe Youth U10's

Sporting their new strip courtesy of Scott Garner, John Knight and David Tongue of DBS Fabrication. Great to see local companies supporting grass roots football. The boys didn't let them down today bite going a goal down battled hard and earned a well fought 2-1 win with goals from Alex Bellwood and Will Houlahan. Man of the match this week Isaac Clennell who this week isaac Clenneil who looked back to his normal self with a very composed performance in the middle of the defence.

Golden Flatts 3-1 Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 15's

Big game yesterday where 1st played 2nd at top of the table made more difficult with a home team parent as first half Ref as official didn't show. Flatts started the stronger and found themselves a goal up early that put us on the back foot and whilst we had good periods of play GF wanted it more than we did, also had a fortuitous cross find the net and found themselves 3-0 up

at HT.
We regrouped and made some changes and came out fighting with Cole Harrison winning and scoring a penalty. Jack Birbeck hit the underside of the bar with a rocket shot but luck wasn't with us game changing moment. We continued to dominate the second half and were the better team but couldn't convert our

Definitely a game of 2 halves however we need to start with the same passion and intensity as we finish or we will get punished early on. No major complaints at the result.



Good performances from several but a few lazy ones from others stood out. Well done Spencer O'Sullivan Joe Armstrong James Imiela and Cole Harrison for 100% effort but Man of the Match went to Luke Robinson for a good performance on both sides of the pitch, creativity, effort and good attitude. A lot of positives and areas of improvement taken from the game as we look to continue our rapid development.

Newton Aycliffe Youth U14's Eagles 2 - 2 Kader Athletic

The Eagles welcomed second in the league Kader to the Oakleaf today. In a game of two halves, the Eagles started brightly. Playing some really good football and everyone working for each other. Aycliffe took the lead deservedly through a right foot shot from Jake Goad. Kader snot from Jake Goad. Rader did look dangerous but the defence and goalkeeper for Aycliffe were standing firm. Before half time, Adam Lowe scored a screamer right into the roof of the net from a tight angle. This was outstanding football. Half time came when the Eagles were really on top. Second half, Kader started with a point to prove and a fire in their belly. They had chance after chance but again our defence and goalkeeper

were working really hard and also at times having a little bit of luck. Aycliffe has to chance personnel constantly throughout the game through injury and tactics. Kader finally took one of their chances and this was now game on! 2-1. Aycliffe battles to keep their lead but were unlucky their lead but were unlucky to concede a equaliser with 10 minutes to go. Thankfully Aycliffe held on right to the end and even had a couple of chances themselves to clinch the winner but it wasn't to be. Final score 2-2. Man of the match went to Jamie Cockfield

and Dylan Bowater.

Newton Aycliffe Youth Under
16's Girls 3 – 1 Leam Rangers 16's Girls 3 – 1 Leam Rangers Good win from the amazing Aycliffe girls today. They made a huge amount of accurate passes which led on to outstanding results. Each player played their full today despite the wind making it hard to determine the direction of the ball, they played as a of the ball, they played as a team which got Aycliffe up the

At half time Aycliffe had a 1-0 advantage thanks to Lottie, however we now had the wind against us. This did not change the girls determination and allowed Katie B to bag two more goals! The team kept their heads and the score till the last minute. Unfortunately from a corner, Leam Rangers scored with 30 seconds left. As the whistle blew the girls walked off with their heads high from a well-deserved win. If you are interested in playing football and being part of our club, visit our website where there are lots of information and also links to league tables for competitive football age groups www.navfc.com

Matthew Bradley of Bishop Auckland competed for the first time at the Swim England National Masters competition at the Ponds Forge International Pool in Sheffield on the 27-28th October 2017. Matthew who is 19 years old and swims for Sedgefield 75 ASC at Aycliffe and is also a member of the Durham Institute of Sport was competing in the 18-24 years age group. The competition attracts swimmers from around the United Kingdom

and it was a packed program with some stiff competition. Matthew's first swim was the 100 metres backstroke where he achieved a lifetime best time of 59.45 seconds for the event and was placed 5th. This was the first time Matthew had gone sub one minute in this

Matthew excelled in the next event, the 200 metres freestyle, achieving a lifetime best time of 1.54.29 and taking the gold medal to be become National Masters champion in this

event.
The first day finished with a good swim in the 100 metres Individual Medley where Matthew swam on a season's best time of 1.02.52 and was placed 16th.
On Saturday

Matthew competed in three more events.
The first of these was the 50 metres backstroke where Matthew achieved a season's best time of 28.48 seconds and was placed 11th. This was followed by the 50 metres freestyle where he swam another season's best time of 24.09 seconds and was placed 10th.

Matthew's final swim was 100 metres breaststroke where he rounded off a very successful weekend by achieving another seasons best time of 1.07.28 and was placed

Councillors' **Surgeries**

Shafto, Central and Neville Ward

Councillors Sarah Iveson and Jim Atkinson will be in attendance at St. Mary's Meeting Room, Burn Lane on Saturday 11th November from 11am - 12 noon.

GARDEN WASTE BIN COLLECTIONS END FOR WINTER MONTHS

gardeners may still be tending their lawns but with summer now seeming a thing of the past, this year's garden waste collections are drawing to a close.

Residents who have taken up the service from Durham County Council will receive their final collection in the next couple of weeks, on their usual collection day from Tuesday, November 7 to Friday, November 17.

People are advised to check their collection calendar and note the date or visit the My Durham section of the council's website and enter their postcode to ensure they don't miss out.

Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet

Minimum order 30

Orders must be placed before 18th December

member for neighbourhoods partnerships, "Almost 70,000 people signed up to receive garden people waste collections in 2017 and we know it is popular with many residents.

"Although this is now ending over the winter months, the service will resume next spring and people should look out for further details online."

Any garden waste which accumulates during the winter period can still be recycled at Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs).

For more information on garden waste collections www.durham.gov.uk/



Matthew trains several times week at Newton Aycliffe eisure Centre pool and at Woodhouse Close Leisure

Aycliffe Club Member in

Centre gym and complements his swimming training with a mixture of running and gym work.

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Praise For Bin Collection Solution

Dear Sir, I wish to reply to the letter from Alastair Welsh and his comments about Councillor John Clare over the problems on bin collections recently.

Cllr. Clare tried to explain what has happened in candid, clear and concise detail and as far as I could see there was no cover up on his part.

He said: I have to admit I failed to notice the type of bin had changed". I appreciate the whole episode obviously problems caused inconvenience to many people, but to give John Clare his due. as written in Newton News, he tried very hard to rectify the problem with the County

and I would add that in his everyday work he is an honourable man who genuinely does his best for the

genumery community.

Targe organisations Large make slip-ups which I have experienced often during my lifetime and its part of human nature and we are not perfect! Mr Welsh comments on additional bin collections having to be made, and this appears to a case of damned if you do and damned if you

His comments on soldiers in the first World War being lions led by donkeys and saying the collection operatives are the lions implies the Council are the donkeys.

Many a brave officer on orders from above led their men over the top in the war and sadly died. I think it is highly insulting to them and I have met some highly dedicated Councillors.

I would like to commend the Bin Men for their good and helpful service over the years. Tunstall Road

Young care leavers could be

eligible for a reduction in

their council tax to help them

make the transition to living

Earlier this year, Durham County Council's Cabinet

agreed the introduction of

a care leavers' council tax

reduction scheme, aimed at

helping young people adjust

The new policy means that

anyone aged under 25 and

leaving care will not have to

pay council tax if they are

the only person paying the

Additionally, any care leaver

who moves into another household will see the bill

It is hoped that the scheme

will break down some of

the barriers which prevent

people progressing into opportunities and avoid them

The new policy was effective from April, 1 2017 and any

eligible claims could be

Cllr Alan Napier, Deputy

Leader and Cabinet member for finance, said: "Many young people leaving care

can struggle to adapt when

backdated until that date.

falling into a benefits trap.

reduced by 50 per cent.

to living on their own.

bill.

independently.

The Centre for Process Innovation (CPI), the UK's technology innovation provider for process manufacturing in Co. Durham has announced it has received funding to

Healthcare Photonics will

the use of light to diagnose and treat a wide range of acute and chronic conditions. acute and chronic conditions. It is a rapidly growing area globally, because photonics-based methods can meet the increasing demand for non-invasive, cost-effective. non-invasive, cost-effective, or rapid treatments and/or personalised care. The UK has world-class research capability in this area, but a key challenge is to reduce the barriers that are preventing promising research and earlystage inventions from moving beyond the laboratory and into innovative healthcare solutions for patients. CPI aims to achieve this

objective by creating infrastructure and capability to address several of these major barriers. The formation of the National Centre will allow more early-stage and small and medium sized companies to drive forward their innovation. and increase their chances of commercialisation, at reduced risk and with increased capital efficiencies.

The new Centre will also stimulate and encourage large companies in the UK

New Centre will Help Treat and Diagnose Illness

establish a new centre.
The National Centre for

fleatthcare Protonics will focus initially on novel technologies for imaging, diagnostics and therapy. This new and internationally

significant innovation centre will be financially supported with an £8.3m grant from the Local Growth Fund, through the North East Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). Building of the Centre will commence this month at NETPark, Sedgefield and the Centre is expected to

open in December 2018. Healthcare photonics involves

living by themselves for the

first time and having to make

"This also builds on our

commitment to supporting

vulnerable people and we

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live with someone else and

be named on the council tax

bill, whether the other person

- moving into a household

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reduction scheme."

bill and live alone

is a care leaver or not

transition period.

Young Care Leavers Eligible

for Council Tax Discounts

to undertake more disruptive innovation. At the National Centre for Healthcare Photonics, CPI will partner with the academic, medical and clinical communities, supply and value chain partners, well as key players within healthcare innovation ecosystem.

State-of-the-art hiomedical imaging, photonic-enabled diagnostic methods diagnostic methods therapies are some of technology themes that will be covered, with the aim to help improve the range and utility of photonic methods available A set focus will be on reducing the cost of manufacture photonic devices, to be able to address established market trends such as the move away hospital-based delivered services towards more local or personal testing and diagnosis.

'This new Centre will provide the infrastructure and support for companies to bring to market their highly innovative products, which have the potential to be cost-effective and provide improvements and provide improvements to patient care. We will be looking at applications spanning the full range of healthcare settings, from hospitals and GPs through to home-based care," said Dr Tom Harvey, Strategic Programmes Manager, CPI.

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Air Ambulance Trial New Techniques

Ambulance Service (GNAAS) could be about to blaze a new trail in treating some of the most seriously injured patients thanks to a cross-Atlantic partnership.

Techniques and equipment being developed in the US are set to be trialled by the charity, which has bases in the North-East and Cumbria. after a fact finding mission by aircrew doctor Simon Le Clerc vielded positive results. Dr Le Clerc, a consultant in emergency medicine who lives in the Catterick area, spent several weeks visiting

HS2 Ltd today revealed the

train-builders vying to deliver Britain's next generation of state-of-the-art high speed

trains, which will carry tens

of thousands of people every day across the UK's new high

speed network and beyond. Operating at speeds of up to 225mph (360kph), the new

fleet will deliver unparalleled

levels of reliability, speed and

comfort as well as providing much-needed extra capacity between the UK's major cities

and giving a boost to high tech

skills and expertise in the UK.

The shortlisted bidders are: Alstom Transport; Bombardier Transportation UK Ltd; Hitachi Rail Europe;

Patentes Talgo S.L.U and Siemens PLC. They will all be invited to tender for the

contracts, which will cover the design, build and maintenance of at least 54 trains coming

of at least 54 trains coming into service from 2026. Following on from the opening of the new National College for High Speed Rail in Birmingham and Doncaster, this is the latest milestone passed as High Speed Two (HS2) becomes a reality. In total HS2 will

a reality. In total, HS2 will create around 25,000 jobs and 2,000 apprenticeships both directly in construction

and also across the UK-wide supply chain.

supply chain.

The first trains will begin to roll off the production line in the early 2020s. The investment is expected to

Welcoming the shortlist, HS2 Minister Paul Maynard said: "Thousands of skilled British

jobs and apprenticeships will be created by HS2, which gets a step closer as we reveal the

companies shortlisted to build

companies snorthsted to build the high speed trains. "HS2 will see some of the world's fastest trains connecting our great cities across the north and Midlands,

creating an economy that works for everyone. But

announcements like this show how the benefits of HS2 will resonate far beyond the

will resonate far beyond the opening of the new railway. HS2's legacy of jobs and skills is already being created." Chris Rayner, HS2 Ltd Managing Director - Railway Operations, said: "It's great to see such a strong line up of experienced high-tech manufacturing and design talent. Together with the successful bidder, HS2 will deliver some of the world's most advanced rolling stock, engineered to provide seamless, accessible, fast and reliable journeys.

reliable journeys. "Starting from 2026, our



hospitals and air ambulances in the US to look at ways to

Hitachi in £2.75 Billion

trains will be used by tens

of thousands of people every day, transforming links across the Midlands and the North

and providing much-needed extra capacity between Britain's major cities."

Providing a world class passenger experience is at the heart of the requirements for the £2.75 billion contract.

The new trains will also serve destinations beyond the

core HS2 network, including York, Newcastle, Liverpool, the North West, Glasgow and

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trains will be

internationally

HS2's performance the highest

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The new

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required to meet design and perfo needs and the

torso bleeding when in the pre-hospital environment.

Most common in road traffic incidents and bad falls, this type of bleeding is notoriously difficult to treat effectively before the patient gets into hospital.

But that could all be about to change, with various techniques being identified which could have a significant impact across GNAAS' area, which ranges from North Yorkshire to the Scottish Borders, east coast to west.

The precise nature of the

revealed, but Dr Le Clerc said they involved stemming the flow of blood within the

Dr Le Clerc, whose visit to the states was sponsored by the William Churchill Memorial Foundation, said: "What we are doing is looking at ways to treat this demographic of patients who, statistically, do very badly in the pre-hospital environment.

We've identified a number of techniques and pieces of equipment that are making waves in the US, and the Great North Air Ambulance Service is looking to bring them onto British shores for the first time.
"Patients in this category are

always in a critical condition. These developments give us the opportunity to stabilise them and to get them into hospital alive and ready for ongoing treatment. It is life-saving and potentially ground-breaking."

As a consequence of his research, having compiled information from both a civilian and military environment, Dr Le Clerc has found himself in demand. He has been busy reporting his findings to audiences in the UK and US, with healthcare experts around the world keen to get a better understanding of the developments.

Dr Le Clerc will be working alongside hospitals in the region in order to bring the trial to fruition.
GNAAS is a charity and last

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Compiled by County Councillor John Clare

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- DCC Budget Consultation.
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- Woodham Pact Meeting, Tuesday 31 October.
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- Employment Futures service. • Latest local roadworks.

 THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEK
- Guided Walk, 'Sinister Durham' (2 miles), meet North
- Door, Durham Cathedral, 10am, Tuesday 7 November.

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Congratulations



Adam Billany







Happy 18th Birthday 2nd November 2017
To an amazing Son. We are so proud of you.
Love always, Mam and Dad xxxx

Colin Coulthard



Happy 21st Birthday 8th November 2017
To a special Son on your

21st. You are one in a million, have a great day. Lots of love, Mam and Dad 21 Today

Have a lovely day. Lots of love from Nana and Granda. You are a lovely young man, so proud.

Happy Birthday

Colin, you are such a special Brother, hope you

have a really good day on your 21st. We have more surprises to come. Lots of love, Kayleigh, Liam and

Sky
Happy 21st Birthday
Colin. Lc Happy birthday Colin. Love you loads, Jess

Aidan Dolby



Happy 21st Birthday 4th November 2017
Wishing you all the happiness in the world
All our love, Mam, Dad, Amber, Jade and Liam xxx

Aidan Dolby



Happy 21st Birthday 4th November 2017 Lots of love, Nana and Grandad. Have a lovely day xx

In Memoriam

SANDRA ANN FARRELL

3rd April 1965 to 8th November 2001. There's a very special person Lord, resting in your care. If you look around your garden, you will see her sitting there. Put your arms around her Lord, make sure she's not alone, and tell her we love and miss her always. Mum, Dad, Helen, Laura and Millie xxxxx DAVID COLLIER 6th November 1998. There is always a face before me, a logical would be to be before a logical would be to be before and the state of th voice I would love to hear. A smile I will always remember of a Brother I loved so dear. Deep in my heart lies a picture more precious than silver or gold, a picture of my Brother David whose memory will never grow old. Forever in my thoughts, your loving Sister Irene, Brother-in-Law Bill and all the family xxxxx **ALBERT ANDREW** 12th

September 1934 to 6th November 2009. We send you a prayer and blow you a kiss, to our wonderful Dad who we love and miss forever. Love from your Daughters, Julie, Suan and family xxx

Obituary

Kerry Hood 27th October 2017 aged 45 years



Passed away at home following an illness endured with such courage

and dignity.
A loving Partner to Steven who was devoted to Kerry; a loving and devoted Mam to Paige; a special Sister to Dean and Tracy; Sisterin-Law to Dave and Jackie and a devoted Aunty to David and Michelle.

Funeral to be held on Friday 10th November. Will friends please meet at 12.00 noon for a Service at Wear Valley Crematorium. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made, if so desired, to Macmillan Cancer Support (plate provided at the Service).

Doreen

Died peacefully at home on the 22nd October 2017. Loving Wife, Mother, Mother-in-Law and Nana. Service at 11.00am on 13th November 2017 at St. Mary's R.C. Church, followed by a private, family only, burial.

No flowers by request, a collection plate will be in church for donations to go to Marie Curie and Macmillan Nurses

Lambert

AYCLIFFE RUGBY XV Aycliffe FC Earn a Point at Whitley Bay **ON LOSING STREAK**

Following last week's heavy defeat away to Whitley Bay Rockliffe, Newton Aycliffe First XV hosted the recently descended and undefeated Acklam, a team most expect to return to top level regional rugby next season. Despite having a much smaller pool of players to choose from as a result of their injury crisis, Aycliffe were able to field a strong squad.

began well, game with both teams vying for possession in the midfield, as they weighed one another

However, this was not to last, as Acklam quickly took advantage of a man overlap, putting their right winger in on five minutes. Aycliffe leaked a further four tries in the first half, despite looking strong ball in hand. The biggest highlight came in the form of a strong break from returning full back Adam Gascoine, who drew the Acklam fullback

trying nothing too expansive before making the flat pass to hooker Alfie Wilson who galloped over from 10 out.

The second half was a similar affair, Aycliffe again looking strong in possession, as well as in the set piece, but overlaps out wide telling and allowing the visitors to cross a further 4 times.

Aycliffe did look like staging a comeback when they worked their way down field, taking the lineout five metres out from the Acklam line. A smooth set piece saw breakaway and a drive for the line with tighthead prop Linden Dixon powering over in the corner. Newton Aycliffe First XV 10 - 67 Acklam RUFC.

Newton Aycliffe took a point from their trip to the seaside on Saturday. In a game

heavily affected by strong winds Aycliffe battled hard to earn a point despite playing the last 20 minutes with ten men.

The home side had wind advantage in the first half & almost scored direct from a corner after 11 minutes. Fortunately Aycliffe keeper James Winter was able to block & deny the goal.

Aycliffe immediately counter attacked and Marc Costello took a shot from outside the box which was well saved by the Bay keeper. The rebound fell to Kurt Matthews whose shot went wide of the post. It was Costello's return to the

side after the nasty injury he suffered against Ryhope CW

and the midfielder put in an outstanding performance to earn the Man of the Match award.

Winter was called into action after 20 minutes when a defensive mistake forced him to put in a good tackle on a

Whitley Bay took the lead on 24 minutes when a cross from the right was met by Tom Potter whose shot gave Winter no chance.

Aycliffe equalised a minute later with good work from Ben Trotter, Paul Weldon & Kurt Matthews who worked the ball to Stuart Banks whose well placed shot beat the Bay keeper.

H.T. 1-1

Aycliffe started the second half strongly with a Banks free kick on 46 minutes

Marc Costello

being tipped over the bar by the keeper. However as the second half progressed

Whitley Bay pressed as Aycliffe tired. There were chances at both ends but Aycliffe suffered a blow on 72 minutes when skipper Aaron Brown was sent off for a 'last man' challenge. From that point it was a case of hanging on for the point which was well deserved.

F.T. 1-1

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The result sees Aycliffe drop one place in Division One to 16th with 17 points. They have two difficult home games this week. Home to Marske Utd on Halloween while Dunston UTS will be the visitors to Moore Lane on Saturday 4th November.





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Juniors Football Report



The weekend brought the Aycliffe Juniors football teams back into action and it turned

back into action and it turned out to be an exciting weekend of matches.

Under 6's played against Shildon in a return fixture of their friendly played game a few weeks ago. The game was enjoyed by all, Aycliffe secured a good win with plenty of goals.

Under 7's played at home against Wynyard Village. Their great teamwork and pressure on the opposition was rewarded in the second half

rewarded in the second half when Evan scored twice in two minutes. The game finished 2-1, all the Aycliffe Under 8's made the short trip to face Bishop Auckland Aces. Man of the match Dylan scored an early goal but Bishop went on to win this one 3-1.

Under 9's played away at Billingham United with a depleted squad due to holidays and illness. A great team performance sealed a 6-0 win with Joe scoring a hat-trick, Ashton getting two goals and Harry adding one. Jayden was key to the attacking play and was named as the man of the

Under 10's 'Black' were at home against Leven AFC 'White'. Man of the match Jake scored the games first two goals to put Aycliffe 2-0 up. Leven grew in to the game and got one back to make the final score 2-1.

Under 11's faced the unbeaten Hemlington United and they could not avoid defeat. Ayeliffe were 4-0 down before Aychile were 4-0 down before Charlie scored to make it 4-1 at half time. Charlie added his second and Zak scored as the game ended 7-3. Cody was the man of the match.

Under 12's Russell Foster League team hosted lower league Humbledon Blues in the cup and won 9-1. There were hat-tricks each for man of the match Noah and Tom. Alex, Charlie and Ted also added a goal a piece in a good

Under 12's TJFA league team took their unbeaten record to last season's champions, Marton White. This was a great game between two of the best teams in the area at this age group. Aycliffe remain unbeaten as Will's late equaliser made the final score

Under 16's played away at Yarm Juniors and went behind early in the game. Stoker equalised with a good headed finish but Yarm opened up a 5-1 lead before Andrew's goal made the final score 5-2.

Under 23's played away against Sunderland University and it proved to be a rewarding trip. Christian scored four goals, man of the match Matty got two. Patrick and Jack also scored a goal each to complete the scoring in an 8-1 win.

Toddler Time at the Library

Come along and Stories, Rhymes and Crafts at our new Toddler Time Session aimed at children aged under 5.
It will be held every Monday

from 10.30am – 11.30am starting on Monday 6th November at Newton Aycliffe Library.

There is a small charge of 50p for each child. No need to book, just come along and join in. For more information the library can be contacted on 03000 269 519."

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